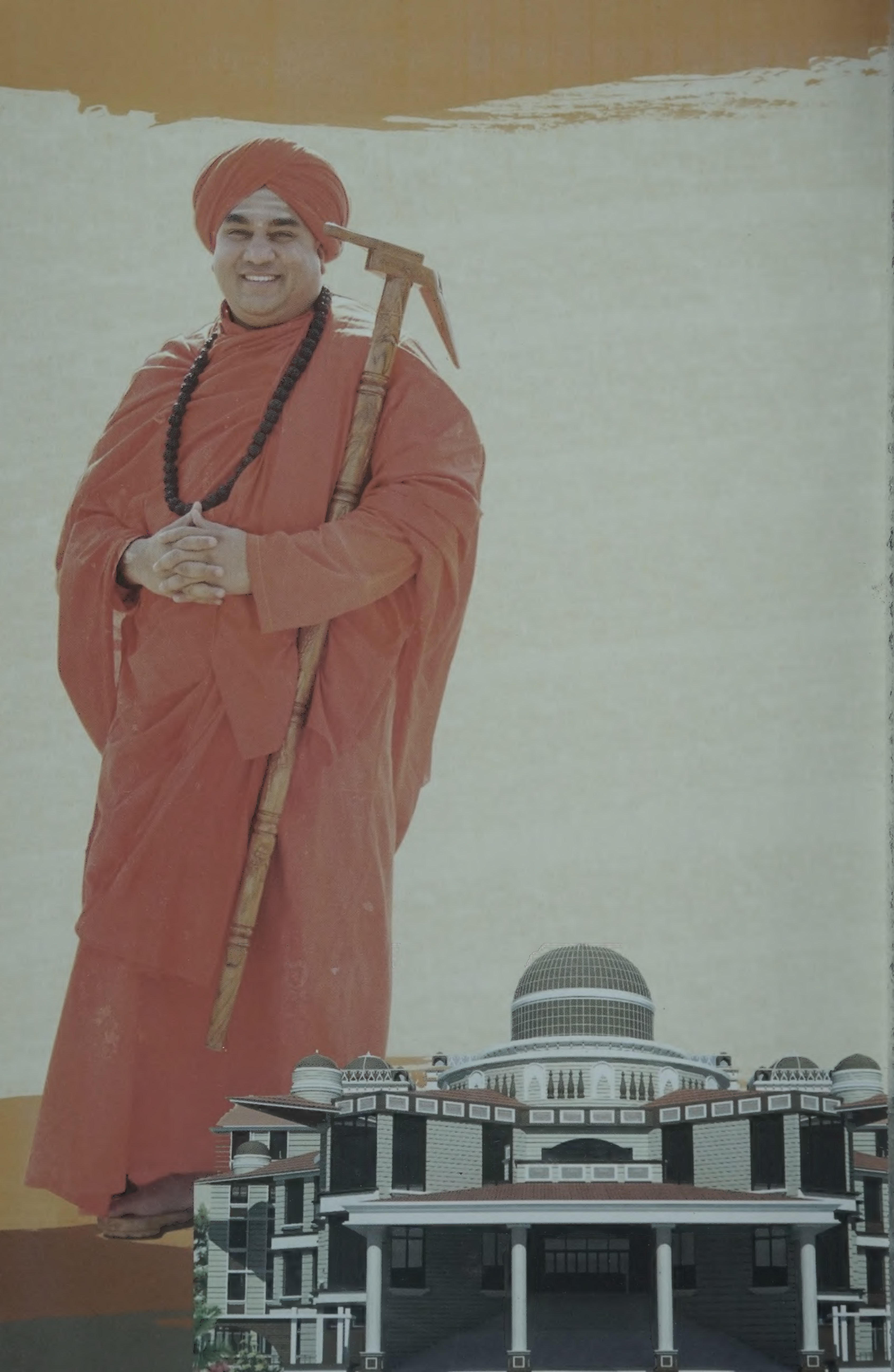
The Man of Green Ventures

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ಧರ್ಮಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಕೂಡಲಸಂಗಮ, ಹುನಗುಂದ ತಾ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ

Jagadguru Sri Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Mahaswamiji.

Lingayat Panchamasali Jagadguru
Mahapeetha Dharmakshetra, Koodalasangama,
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Lingayat Panchamasali First jagadguru Mahapeetha Sukshetra,
Koodalasangama Taluk, Hungund, Bagalakote District.

Date of Birth: 22. 12. 1979
Place: Davanagere
Father: Sharana Sri Appaji Basavarajappa
Mother: Basavámma
Birth name: Veeresha

Education: BCom
Became seer on: 15.09.2002
As chief of Davanagere Virakta Mutt: 04.03.2002
First pontiff of Lingayat Panchamasali Jagadguru Mahapeetha
Koodalasangama 12-2-2008

Unique feature of the seer's name

Jaya: It is the name of the respected jayadeva Jagadguru
Mrityunjaya: Name of the seer of Davanagere Virakta Mutt and Davanagere Murugha Mutt
Basava: As he is the first chief of the Lingayat Panchamasali Jagadguru Mahapeetha which is situated at the place where Basavanna pursued his education and breathed his last, he has been named as Basavajaya Mrityunjaya Seer. The seer's father is Basavarajappa, mother Basavamma residing in Basavarajapete. He completed his education in Basaveshwara high School and then at Basava Gurukul. So, the name Basava has been a part of his life for long.

Achievements as chief of Davanagere Virakta Mutt

- Monthly Shivanubhava classes at Davanagere Virakta Mutt
- Seminars/workshops on the current happenings
- Demonstration on Lingapooja during Sahaja Shivayoga camps
- Mass marriages
- Felicitating people who have contributed to the society
- Successful struggle to fill water to 19 lakes of Davanagere
- Started celebration of Kittur Chennamma's victory day
- Fought for the rights of Kannadigas in Goa
- Has led various pro-farmer movements

Seer's belief

Let victory be for the religion of agriculture
Let the victory be for the farmer
Farmer is the God of this land
Farming has brought peace to the world
Farming is the holding factor of the world
The one who protects agriculture is protected
Work is worship Awareness is the master,
practice is the disciple

listory

asavanna and Sharanas influenced by him had formed the Lingayat religion. It has a history f thousand years and a great tradition. The religion was formed on the basis of scientific nd logical principles. It is the religion which wishes good for every living being and strives or providing better life and living-conditions for people. It is really sad that the religion vhich had progressive thinking has transformed into a caste. The religion had considered very one equal and respected the person who wears Linga as Sangamanatha. In the eadership of Basavanna a large movement was initiated in terms of agriculture. Even peopl ı other professions supported the movement and were a part of 'Kalyana Rajya'- which neans welfare state, of Basavanna. But some power hungry people did affect the movenent and they made it die down systematically. Whatever followed later is history.

he people of various professions, who had joined the Lingayat group of Basavanna, later eparated as various castes. They then again were divided into smaller groups and identify hemselves in sub-castes. After 1980s, these sub-castes started their own associations. anchamasalis, who are the majority among various groups of Lingayats did not have a trong leader. So without being sure of which peetha they should believe in, they were onfused and lived under various different peethas. In 1990s elders in Panchamashali group truggled to start an association. But they had to face insults from other peethas for this ffort. But they did not accept defeat. After a struggle over the years, in 2005-06 their ssociation was not only recongnised but was successful in gaining attention of people. This nade the members feel panchamashalis should their own Peetha and should have an heir or the Peetha.

hough they had big aims, they lacked the support of a master who could lead them. Talks i his regard led to arguments and there grew cracks in the group. Selfishness and influence o utsiders was the main reason behind growing uneasiness. In this situation, on 12 February 2008, the first Jagadguru Mahapeetha of panchamasali Lingayats was set up. Ma Ni Pra Basavajaya Mrityunjaya Seer, who was the chief of the Viraktamutt of Davanagere became he first Jagadguru of the Mahapeetha. The fact that he was selected unanimously by the nembers was commendable.

he 28-year-old handsome seer, filled with dreams of welfare of people, with farsightednes bout the works to be done came as a boon to the society. Now, it has been 40 months sinc e became the Jagadgudu. He has already walked 7 lakh km. He has experienced happy noments, has been insulted by some and also has been threatened. But nothing has leterred the seer from working towards the betterment of the society.
urrently, there is a need to build a strong society from the grass roots level to the national evel. There is also a need for a team of volunteers who can serve for the society, selflessly. eople who are concerned about the welfare of society should write on the ways to serve elflessly. Accordingly those serving as students, teachers, students, farmers, labourers, wyers, doctors, business persons or homemakers should come out with ways to contribut the society. It will work wonders. We need a central committee as well as sub comiitees ealise this.

Aims of Jagadguru peetha

1. Education
2. Self Confidence
3. Self Dependence
4. Association or Unity
5. Struggle

Principles of Jagadguru peetha

1. Work
2. Service (Dasoha)
3. Shivayoga
4. Awareness-Practice
5. Equality among all

Five Peethas

1. Agricultural
2. Educational
3. Health
4. Religious
5. Justice

Five main constituents

Religion: Lingayat (Panchamasali)
Founder: Vishwaguru Basavanna
God: Ishtalinga
Sacred scripture: Basava and Sharanas Vachanas
Sacred Place: Lingayat Panchamahasali Peetha Sri Kshetra in Koodalasangama

Five practices

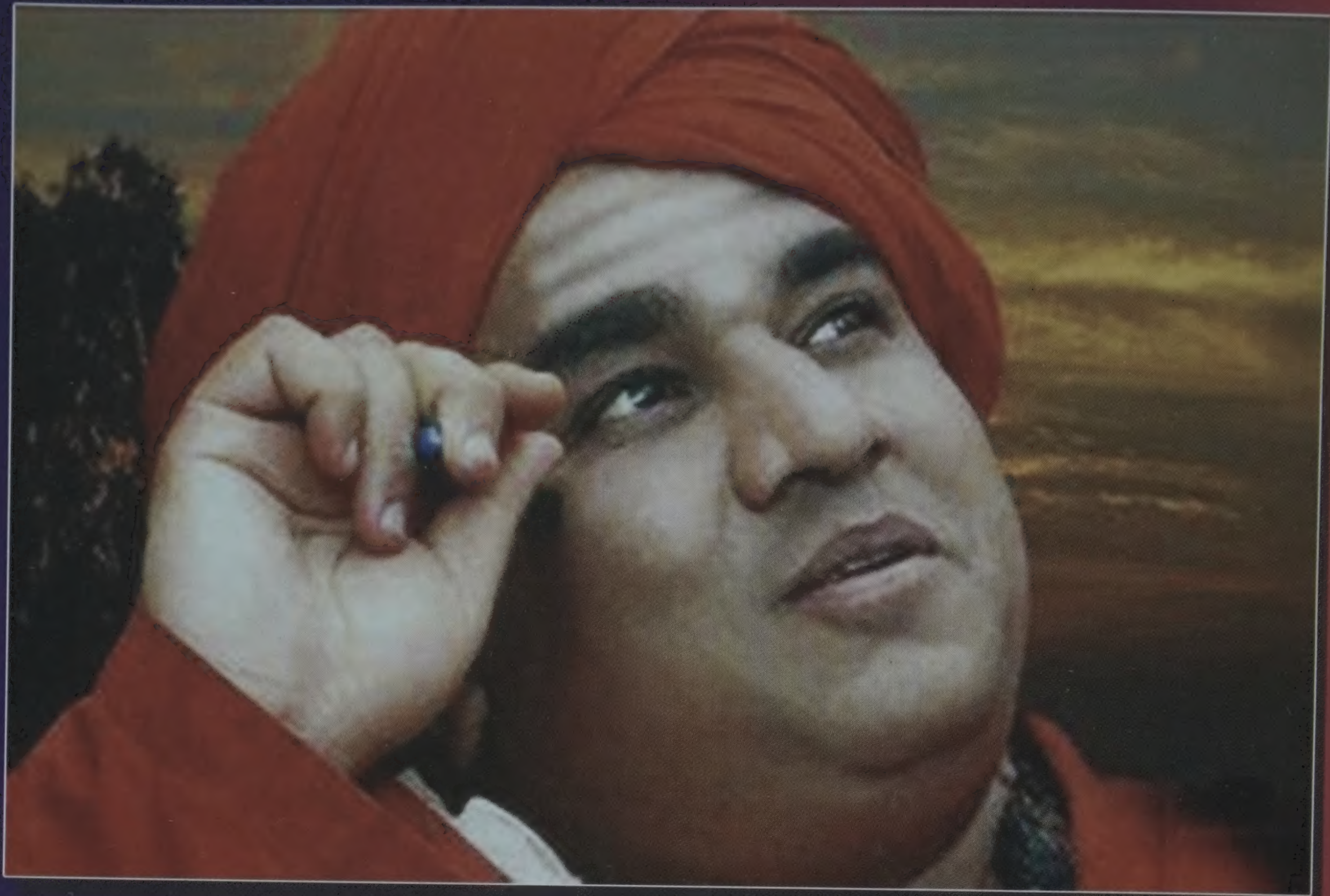
1. Lingachara
2. Sadachara
3. Shivachara
4. Gunachara
5. Bhrityachara

The objective

Agriculture is the backbone of the world. Agriculture brings peace to the world. Farmer is the God of the land. So welfare of the farmers and farming and making the society and world prosperous is the main objective of the Jagadguru Peetha.

Social responsibility:

- He has launched movement against injustice
- He has fought for installation of Kittur Rani Chennamma's statue in Delhi and did not give up fight till the demand was met
- He has visited the length and breadth of Karnataka with a mes sage to establish harmony. He has taken part in hundreds of peace meetings and has advised people to live harmoniously
- He has been lauded for founding many educational institutes in Davanagere
- Being the Chief of the Jagadguru Mahaswami's prasada nilaya, he has successfully constructed 'centenary memorial building'
- Every year he organises 'conference on the principles of Basavan na' in Davanagere. He has played an important role in spreading the message of Basavanna among people. Many leaders of the national and international fame, writers, thinkers and intellects have taken part in these programmes.
- He had organised a camp to promote natural farming for seven days in Davanagere in 2007. Agriculture expert Subhash Palekar was the resource person. This camp had won farmers heart who took part actively in large numbers. Following the camp he was called by people with titles-seer of the farmers or farmer-friendly seer. In fact, the sacred stick he carries also resembles ploughing machine.
- He has also supported inter-caste or inter-religious marriages. Many couples from different religion or caste have got married in a simple way with his blessings, when they are either outcaste by their families. Following their marriage, he has convinced the r espective parents and has made it possible for many couple to lead a happy family life. He conducts such programmes every month.





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SOCIAL SERVICE

1. *Travel-Association*
   He has travelled (till 12.02. 2015) 7 lakh km for uniting and strengthening of Lingayat Panchama sali community. With the concept of one night for the village and five nights for the city, he has been travelling without settling at one place. Throughout his journey, he has been creating awareness and working to unite people.
2. *Conferences*
   He has created awareness about various issues including superstition, ill-practices in the village, hobli and taluk-level through seminars, conferences and interactive sessions.
3. *His walk towards the village*
   Usually people walk towards seers and their masters. But this seer considers devotees as greater than the master and god. So he goes to them, hears to their grievances and fills them with self confidence to face the problems.
4. *Talent awards*
   He has identified talented students from poor backgrounds who have scored highest marks in various examinations and has felicitated and helped them with monetary benefits. He has also conducted felicitation to people who have passed the examinations conducted by the State and Union governments and helped them too.
5. *Victor day of Rani Chennamma of Kittur*
   Every year, on Oct 23, victory day of Rani Chennamma of Kittur is being celebrated in the village, taluk and district level. It is an initiative to develop a feeling of patriotism among people.
6. *Founders Day of the Jagadguru Peetha*
   Every year on February 12, Founders Day of the Lingayat Panchamasali Jagadguru Mahapeetha is celebrated. The programmes are conducted in various villages.
7. *Remembering Rani Chennamma of Kittur*
   Every year on February 2nd memorial in the remembrance of Rani Chennamma of Kittur is conducted at Bailahongala.

RELIGIOUS

1. *Basava Sangama*
   'Basava Sangama'- An event to spread the thoughts of Basavanna and Sharanas to people is organized on the fifth of every month at Davanagere and on the 12th of every month in Koodalasangama.
2. *Koodala Sangama in homes and hearts*
   In the Shravana month, everyday seminar on Sharana literature, recital of Vachanas are held a devotees houses homes to make people continue the tradition and be informed about what they believe in their hearts.
3. *Basava Panchami*
   Every year on Panchami in the Shravana month Basavanna's Lingaikya (the day he breathed his last) is observed.
4. *Ordination Campaign of Ishtalinga*
   Every year during Shravana month the events to ordinate the Ishtalinga to people and mass Ishtalinga pworships are held throughout the state. On the occasion, people are informed abo the ordination and the ways of worshiping it.
5. *Marriages beyond the boundaries*
   Inter-caste, inter-religious marriages are held in a simple ceremony. Eradication of caste is the main aim of the programme.
6. *Kayaka-Dasoha Mantapa*
   The Kayaka-Dasoha Mantapa has been established at davanagere. Various events are conduct there to create awareness among people against social evils and about the importance of Sharana literature, especially Vacahanas.

Agricultural Sector

Agriculture is the basis of all the works. It is the starting point of any work. So, keeping in view the welfare of the farmers and the agriculture sector in whole, various relevanty programmes are held at the Shri Peetha.

1. National Basava Krishi award and Krishi Sankranthi
   Every year Makara Sankranthi festival is celebrated as Krishi Sankranthi (Agricultural festiva). On the day, those who have made remarkable achievements in the field of agriculture are felicitated with 'National Basava Krishi' award. The award also includes Rs 50,000 cash and a shield.

The list of awardees

- Rajendra Singh (also known as modern Bhageeratha) in 2012
- Anna Hazare in 2013
- Medha Patkar in 2014
- Baba Adhava in 2015
- Seer's walk towards agriculture
  The basic work of the Panchamasalis was agriculture. But currently, many are turning away from farming due to other attractions. But the seer has been continuously through various porogrammes trying to make them inspired to take up agriculture. His padayathre (rally by walk) to villages is one of the ways he tries to be closely in touch with people and inspire them not to leave abandon agriculture.

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3. Krishi Peetha (Agriculture Chair)
   A mega project to start an agriculture chair is underway for the development of agriculture sector and farmers.

FRATERNITY, HARMONY

1. *Conferences for harmony*

   Though the Seer is the chief of one of the Peethas, he does not belong to any caste, sect or religion. He has accepted everyone equally. He has been contributing for harmony especially among Hindus and Muslims. He has also conducted conferenc[e]s seeking harmony and has portrayed that we all are all one. We are all Indians. This effort of his has made his also popular as 'Bhavaikyatha Swami' (Harmonious seer).

Service:

The Seer strongly believes that we can only serve others and not help them. So serving others is the main way of him showing his love towards the god. He also believes that the god has sent us here to serve others.

1. *Serving the flood-hit regions, people*

   Seer is the first person to visit the flood-hit areas in the state. He tries to provide as much help as possible to the people who have lost everything in the floods. He lives there and keeps constant touch and helps them till the situation is under control. He has also served in the drought-hit regions.
2. *For rehabilitation of Kannadigas in Goa*

   He has fought against the government who evacuated Kannadigas from Goa. The Seer made arrangements for rehabilitation of the Kannadigas there. He is the only seer to visit and serve the Kannadigas in Goa and solve their problems.
3. *For artistes*

   He has identified the artistes who are facing problems, including financial problems and has extended his helping hand to them.

Education:

- BJM Primary and High School at Davanagere
- Primary School under PLE Institute at Koodalasangama
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Building for the Sri Peetha

The Seer has brought 10 acres of place and the building for the Sri Peetha being constructed at a cost of Rs 25 crore is underway

He also has got 5 acres of land from the Karnataka government. He will set up an higher education centre for the poor students.

Movement

1. *For development of north karnataka*

   The political representatives and the governments have not treated North Karnataka well. Due to this, the region has remained backward in all the sectors. So the Seer has taken it as a movement as also takes part in protests, struggles by people of the North Karnataka, giving their unity a strong support.
2. Movement for Kannada language.
3. Fighting for formers of state and nation.


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"The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings."

-Masanobu Fukuoka,

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